

REMARKS

Claims 2, 5-9, 15-17, 20-25, 51 and 57-67 are pending in the present Application. Claims 2, 5, 8, 15 – 17, 21 – 25, and 51, have been cancelled without prejudice, Claims 6, 7, 20, 57, and 63 have been amended merely to change their dependency, and no claims have been added, Claims 9, 18 and 19 have been allowed, leaving Claims 6, 7, 20, and 57-67 for consideration upon entry of the present Amendment.

The claims have been amended merely to correct their dependency due to the cancellation of other claims. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Entrance of this amendment is respectfully requested since it places the case in condition for allowance does not raise any new issues that require additional searching, and reduces the number of claims. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)


Claims 2, 5 – 8, 20, 21 and 57 – 67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,030,718 to Fuglevand et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,641,586 to Wilson in view of International Publication No. WO 00/39363 A1 to Speranza et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants continue to contend that the present application as the claims were set forth in the prior response, were allowable over the art of record. No *prima facie* case of obviousness had been established. However, in order to avoid an appeal add all of the costs associated therewith, the finally rejected independent claims have been cancelled, without prejudice, and the remaining dependent claims have either been cancelled or the dependency has been amended. Since all of the remaining claims depend from an allowed claim, this rejection has been rendered moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Final Office Action and the Advisory Action, and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the case are respectfully requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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